

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

October 6, 2011

Present:

**Linda Noble Claudette Lussier Hagop Jawharjian Domenic Ricci
Carl Brunetti Mike Babbitt Bob Turner Maria Marcello**

Absent:

Richard Foster Paul DiDomenico

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes of September 21st were distributed for review.

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci, to accept the minutes.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0 with Mike Babbitt and Maria Marcello abstaining because they were not present on September 21st.

Public Comment

There were no public comment or questions at the time.

Old Business

Year End Reports

The reported school surplus was \$250,632 according to the 6/30/2011 figures.

Unemployment insurance was higher than budgeted.

The Budget Board still has not received an answer as to why the current operating budget is budgeted at \$300,000 higher than was approved at the Financial Town meeting.

The Management Letter is very basic and does not supply much additional information.

Subcommittees

The Capital Subcommittee will consist of Mike Babbitt, Hagop Jawharjian, Carl Brunetti, Bob Turner and Maria Marcello.

The Consolidation Subcommittee will consist of Claudette Lussier, Domenic Ricci and Linda Noble.

Letter to Town Council

A rough draft of the letter was written by Richard Foster and Linda Noble.

The intent of the letter is to be read aloud at the Town Council Meeting so that the public knows the stance of the Budget Board regarding the use of surplus.

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, to approve the draft of the letter and to send it to the Town Council along with a request for the Budget Board to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Sewer Bond

The Budget Board discussed the enterprise fund of the Sewer Department and the Water Department, which is a separate entity.

Capital Projects

The Budget Board discussed the capital projects which were not brought through the budget process.

Also discussed were the pension obligations and the fact that while they may be fully funded to the auditor's recommendations, it does not mean it is technically a fully funded plan.

There was a meeting regarding pensions with Gina Raimundo from the State which members of the Budget Board attended.

New Business

The Budget Board discussed the playground at Lonsdale Elementary and the fact that they had been told that the new equipment is for the safety and age appropriate nature of the area.

The Budget Board received a letter from the Town Administrator regarding the Manton Dam project. It stated that the project is over

budget, but according to the information that the Budget Board has it should not be.

The Budget Board will ask for more details regarding this to clarify.

The School Budget is still adjusting to the new Uniform Chart of Accounts.

This year the Budget Board would like to see an accounting of last year's capital projects as well as backup and bids for all new projects. Linda Noble and Carl Brunetti will hold a preliminary meeting with the School Department to begin the budget process.

The library addition has been approved for \$480,000 but the costs could come closer to anywhere from \$600,000-\$800,000 the difference of which will be covered by grants and donations.

This will include the updating of fire protection and the older areas of the library.

Public Comment

There were no public comment or questions the time.

Adjourn

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.